

Application No.: 09/994,915Docket No.: 30005991-02 US (1509-247)**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (*Currently amended*) A method of enhancing communication between a user using a first device and a content server with which the user is interacting through an interfacing handler, wherein:

[[ - ]] the communication is managed as a session having one or more participants, with the user, via the first device, being an initial participant to the session;

[[ - ]] the user, using the first device, instructs an output device to join the session, passes on session-joining session-joining information being passed from the first device to the output to at least one second device;

[[ - ]] the output at least one second device uses the session-joining information to join the session as a participant; and

[[ - ]] the interfacing handler sends content and/or content references from the content server to the participants in the session, the output device outputting for the user at least some of the content.

2. (*Original*) A method according to claim 1, wherein the devices register their communication capabilities with the session and the interfacing handler sends content and/or content references from the content server to the devices taking account of their registered capabilities.

3. (*currently amended*): A method according to claim 1, wherein the interfacing handler sends content from the content server to the ~~at least one second~~ output device according to authorisation information specified by the user.

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4. *(currently amended)*: A method according to claim 1, wherein the content server provides content in multiple media types and the ~~at least one second~~ output device is capable of handling one or more media types not handled by the first device.
5. *(Previously presented)* A method according to claim 1, wherein the interfacing handler is a browser arranged to interpret pages with markup tags provided by the content server.
6. *(Original)* A method according to claim 5, wherein the first device is a voice communication device and the interfacing handler is a multimodal browser capable of handling voice markup pages provided by the content server.
7. *(Original)* A method according to claim 6, wherein the first device is a cellular phone.
8. *(currently amended)*: A method according to claim 1, wherein the first device passes on the session-joining information using a short-range communication link.
9. *(currently amended)*: A method according to claim 1, wherein the ~~or each second~~ output device is named upon session-joining the session with a name that is known to both the user and the interfacing handler.
10. *(currently amended)*: A method according to claim 1, wherein the user can communicate with ~~at least one second~~ the output device via the first device and the interfacing handler.

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11. (*withdrawn*): A user communication device comprising:

[[-]] means for setting up a communications session with an interfacing handler through which the user device can receive content from a content server;

[[-]] means for assembling ~~session-joining~~ session-joining data for enabling ~~a further~~ an output device to join the communication session by that device passing the ~~session-joining~~ session-joining data to the interfacing handler; and

[[-]] means for sending the ~~session-joining~~ session-joining information to ~~a said further~~ the output device independently of the interfacing handler.

12. (*withdrawn*): A device according to claim 11, wherein said means for sending the ~~session-joining~~ session-joining information is a short-range communication subsystem.

13. (*withdrawn*): A device according to claim 11, wherein said means for assembling ~~session-joining~~ session-joining data comprises means for receiving a session identifier from the interfacing handler.

14. (*withdrawn*): A peripheral device comprising:

[[-]] peripheral functionality;

[[-]] a short-range communications subsystem for receiving ~~session-joining~~ session-joining data over a short-range communications link; and

[[-]] a communications subsystem for sending the ~~session-joining~~ session-joining information to an interfacing handler to join an existing communication session and to receive content for output via the peripheral functionality of the device.

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15. (*withdrawn*): A peripheral device according to claim 14, wherein the communications subsystem is operative to send along with said ~~session-joining~~ session-joining information, data on the types of content that the peripheral device can handle.

16. (*currently amended*) A voice browser service system for providing voice-form content to a user device, the service system comprising:

[[ - ]] a session manager operative to set up a communication session with the user device as an initial member, and to pass the user device a session identifier for the session;

[[ - ]] means for retrieving content from a content server and delivering at least some of that content as voice signals to the user device;

[[ - ]] receiving means for receiving, from a ~~further~~ an output device, a joining request including said session identifier and capability information concerning what types of content the a ~~further~~ output device can handle, the receiving means being operative to pass the request to the session manager, and the session manager being responsive to the request to join the ~~said-further~~ output device to the communication session and register its capability information; and

[[ - ]] means for sending to ~~said-further~~ the output device, whilst joined to the communication session, elements of the said content retrieved from the content server that are of a type which, according to the device's registered capability information, the ~~further~~ output device can handle.

17. (*currently amended*) A user communication device comprising:

a processor for (a) setting up a communications session with an interfacing handler through which the user device can receive content from a content server and (b) assembling session joining data for enabling ~~at least one further~~ an output device to join the communication session by that device passing the session joining data to the interfacing handler; and

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a transmitter connected to be responsive to the processor for sending the session joining information to ~~at least one of said further~~ the output device[[s]] independently of the interfacing handler.